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(57) Abstract: Described are mutant  $Na_v1.7$  sodium channel alpha-subunits and nucleic acid sequences encoding such mutants. Further described are methods for characterizing a nucleic acid sequence that encodes a  $Na_v1$  sodium channel alpha-subunit, methods for determining a  $Na_v1.7$  haplotype, methods for determining a subject's predisposition to a neurologic disorder associated with a sodium channel mutation, and methods of identifying a compound that modulates mutant  $Na_v1.7$  sodium channels. Other materials, compositions, articles, devices, and methods relating to mutant  $Na_v1.7$  sodium channels are also described herein.

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